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Colorado Springs Nov 4th 1873

My Dear Brother -

Everything looks well here - Had the church packed on Sunday both morning and evening - Had 28 or 29 out at our last prayer meeting - Am in better health than I have enjoyed for a long time - See plenty of work before me and feel anxious to get at it - Have been provokingly delayed in getting possession of my new rooms, but hope to get in all O.K in a few days -

I have chartered a fine black pony for the winter and find her a great source of pleasure and convenience to me - I think horseback riding is the very best thing for my health that I could have —

I had a letter from Bro Sample a few days ago — He says that he has not been free from asthma a single day since he reached Omaha — He can only preach by the use of strammonium — Has his hands very full & sometimes "staggers" under his work — Says he has only had one letter from Denver and dont know anything about the movements in the 17th St. church —

For my part I hope the church will do quickly whatever it intends doing in regard to Bro Sample — I judge from the whole tone of his letter that he apprehends that he will have to leave Minneapolis.

If all hopes of consolidation are over, what better thing

could you do than have an
urgent & cordial call made out to
Bro. S.? I believe he is just
the man for you, under all the
existing circumstances - But you
know him better than I do.

If the church does call him
please advise me at once — I want to write to
him - The failure of Young's Bank
here will make the winter
a very hard one here — A great
many poor families had their available
funds all there and now, to say
the least, they are non comeatable -

With love to Mrs J. & the chu-
Your Brother in X
J. G. Lowrie —

West Chester Nov 7 - 1873.

Sheldon Jackson Esqr

Esteemed friend & brother

I want to thank you most sincerely for your nice letters to Mrs Dickson, and myself. Knowing your many duties, and cares, makes our appreciation of them much greater. It is a great comfort to hear what you are doing in the far of country where so much is needed to be done. I cannot now see how young ministers can help availing themselves of the opportunity of rushing to the frontier. Of course life is, much to all, and the pleasures of life very desirable to the young. I remember Dr David Nelson, (author of Nelson on infidelity was the guest of my sister when I was about eighteen years of age. I made my home then with that sister. I remember too the conversations held at that time and the earnestness of the persuasion used to urge me to be a Missionary. The way then seemed quite hedged up, and I had to give up all idea of it at that time. If you could look over my life from that time up to the present, I think you would feel, as I do, that the Lord had other work for me to do. Perhaps not as heroic, but a work which some one must do. My doing, of whatever kind it may be, is almost done. I look back upon it with shame and confusion of face, and heart, but oh! the looking forward is so much better. I cant say I have done what I could have done, but I can say my Saviour has done all for me. I never before saw the fallacy of all works in comparison with the counterbalance of sins and shortcomings, as I do where I now stand, all of Grace! All of Grace! Oh I cannot tell you how it looks to me now = I believe my Father has heard the prayers of Christians in my behalf, and has removed the dread of death as I once felt it. I do hope that the hands will never again hang down because of lack of prayer. Heaven seems to me to be so desireable, because I shall be free from sin. Free from all uncharitableness and every temptation. And see Him as he is - I do hope I may still be remembered in your prayers. I am growing more feeble in the last two weeks. I dont see how this weary heart can go on much longer Please I beg of you pray for me, as many as know of me, I want to rest quietly in my Saviours love. and not be confounded when the last trial comes.

Will you please send a copy of the "Rocky Mountain Presbyterian" to my sister Mrs C P Darlington Care of Wm Darlington Esq West Chester Chester Co Penn. Enclosed you will find the money for it —

Very Respectfully yours P A Lewis.

Rev W. Y. Brown

Denver, Oct. 7th 1873

Dear Brother Jackson —

Rev. McLaul has returned to Denver, He is much better than he was; yet I do not think that there is any prospect of him being able to do any much "Church work". He intends to resign his place — and solicits that Rev. W. W. Curtis of Kansas (a fellow Student of his in the Seminary) be Commissioned to Longmont, Big Thompson & Pleasant Valley — a promising field & plenty of work. Mr Curtis took the first honor of his class in College — stood high in the Seminary — has built two Churches in Kansas — his present field is a Young man — &c. &c.

And wants to come to Colorado.

I told him I would write you
And see what you would "explain".

As to that Cut I have tried to
see if I could not get it cut
down so as to suit your narrow Columns — but find that
it cannot be done without ruining the Cut itself. So I suppose we shall have to do without it in the paper. I do not
see how else it could be arranged.

We are all well.
Had a fine sociable — the
best of the season at Mr Blackburn's last evening) —
All send love to yourself & family
Your Brother in Xt
W. Y. Brown

Resolution on Publication Cause

"As a Presbytery we owe deep gratitude to the Board of Publication whose invaluable aid has furnished us with those weapons and tools which we as laborers in these frontier fields stand in great need of; we are thus greatly encouraged as we are striving against pernicious doctrines as well as in watering and planting in these waste places. Indeed we know not how inefficient our work must have been without this great help. May God raise up many fellow labourers in this cause and greatly encourage all who are now giving and toiling to save souls through this powerful channel.

In regard to Coopers case after long consultation, in which Cooper was not present we mutually agreed to allow things for the present to remain in Statu Quo, A paper on womans work was passed
"Whereas there is a growing interest ~~manifested~~ throughout

our church in regard to womans work, we recommend the formation, as soon a as practicable, of "Ladies Home Miss" Societies in all our churches,

I Strongly advised Cooper to return to Evanston and go to work, but he has gone to Cheyenne and what the result will be I do not know, I send you the enclosed. I expect we shall have more music with Cooper before we get rid of him. I am rather of the opinion, he is more vain and silly, than downright wicked. That God may abundantly bless you and Mrs Kendall in all your meetings is my sincere prayer. In haste Yours Truly

J S Arnold

Tacoma Nov 7, 1873.

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Denver, Col., Nov 8th 1873

Rev Sheldon Jackson
23 Centre St
N Y

Dear Sir

Not knowing whether you are posted in regard to our W Y Brown's movements or not I write to say that he has gone to work in earnest to establish two mission churches one in the neighborhood of the Junction and one in West Denver and of course trying to draw from our church his would be friends but it is needless to say that in this he does not meet his expectations. The motive that prompts him to remain in our midtst is as apparent to you as to us. and whether it will be for the advancement of Presbyterianism or not it is useless to say to one understandg the situation as well as you - but certainly some other man should be sent to this field to do the work rather than let him disgrace the church longer by his blunders. Did you know of his intended movements? and can he secure aid from the Board?

Yours truly H C Donnell

Minneapolis Minn Nov 10/73

Dear Bro Jackson,

Yours of the 4th inst, rec'd. I am very sorry that the effort at union of the two churches failed, and even more sorry to hear that Mr Brown proposes starting the Mission Churches, which will bring him into conflict with the existing organizations. But the Lord rules, and over*rules*.

I rec'd a letter from Judge Blackburn inquiring whether I would accept an invitation to supply the 17th St Ch. for six months. I replied that "in all probability I would, and could be there about the 1st of Dec., or very soon there-after." — "that I had abandoned all idea of relief from asthma in this climate." I also added that it was a very unusual thing for a minister of any worth or reputation to accept an invitation to supply a church for such a length of time, but as it allowed considerable liberty to both parties, and there might be good reasons for it in this case, I would waive all objections.

So I have put myself in an unpleasant position. It was not intimated that any one else was to appear before the church. The "Chicago man" (what's his name?) may divide the sentiment or carry everything before him. But still the Lord will direct & I am satisfied. Can't you come this way?

Affectionately yrs
R. F. Sample

Trinidad, Colorado.
Nov. 10th 1878

My Dear Mr. Jackson; I arrived here on [illegible]day last, and found your postal awaiting me. I take the first opportunity of answering yours, though I am not yet settled so as to have [illegible] some of your [illegible] or doing it at length. [illegible] at [illegible], [illegible] com-fortable for the time being. We expect to get into our [illegible] tomorrow or next day, and are cleaning it now. [illegible] at very [illegible]. Mark likes the appearance of the place better [illegible]. I [illegible] you [illegible] to see

and wrote again. I wrote
in French a [illegible] [illegible]. I
would not tell him about
Trinidad &c., but wrote what
I hoped would answer his
purpose. I will write him
again after we get more hearing, perhaps.

Today I read letters from
both Smith and [illegible]
[illegible]burn. They are both men
who, I think, are suited to the
work, who have thought
about it, and who — though very
different from each other — are
able men. I correspond
with both, and will advise
them in regard to the country and
route here, as I think I can
will have some influence with
them. Smith is my most
[illegible] [illegible], and I [illegible]

like to see him out here for at
least a few years. I think you
will be pleased with him, and
know that you will hear noth-
ing but good of him. I don't
know all who are there this year;
but will mention some good
men who were there last year.
Hoyt is a man who would
probably be benefited by the climate,
and a man of ability. Reed is
another man of whom I have
a high opinion, and [illegible] recom-
mend to you. Others [illegible], I think
you might have strong hopes of,
Smith & Reed especially. Bachman
and DeBaun are good men, and
you might get the [illegible] on.
Mrs R. & Miss [illegible] send their regards,
and wife says be sure & [illegible]
[illegible],

Yours, with [illegible], A. Ross.

Edwards, Davis, Humphreys, Williamson, are men who [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] by a [illegible] committee [illegible] [illegible].

Tuesday. Nov 17th
18[illegible].

Dear Friend,

I was especially disappointed last evening that I was unable with all my exertions to be present at your meeting at Dr Darling's Church - I went to Mrs Townsend's to take tea thinking to meet you there and to go with you to the Church - but Mr Townsend would not consent to our going on account of the weather - and though neither Mrs Townsend nor myself were convinced that it would be imprudent for us to go - we were obliged to submit to the Townsend's judgment which was quite a trial to me. I hope you had a good audience and that your efforts were not in vain". My dear Christian brother, I need not repeat the assurance that my heart is with you in the work God has given you to do. It is a blessed work. It is an honour to be engaged in it - and our dear Lord will raise up Helpers for us - I feel deeply grateful for the kindness which has been shown us at Albany. God has put it into the hearts of his dear children to show us kindness and blessed be His holy name - oh, may the sweet Christian influences which we have experienced be felt in the communities on our frontier and in the solitary places in our land. and may God give you strength to work for Him - I wish much to see Upton (Thos. you will try to go to our Council on Wednesday -

on reflection I have concluded to ask you not to show to any third person my letters to Gen. Belknap or to Secy Delano - I wrote them hastily and I cannot tell how they will be received - and I would prefer that no one should see them except the Secretaries - to whom they are addressed - I will pray for a blessing to accompany them, and that when you present them, the hearts of the Secretaries may be opened to do for you what will accelerate your benevolent Mission -

I trust your presence at the prayer meeting at West Point may be greatly blessed, and prove an encouragement to the young men - who unite their prayers every week - if you tell them about your Mission I think they will be interested - I feel that time is fast hurrying us to Eternity and that what we do - we must do quickly -

Would you have time to write a little notice either for your paper or for the Evangelist of our meeting at Albany - and speak of the object of our society? - I should like to see a notice written with no allusion to the Roman church but simply saying that we are trying to sustain protestant services in our Missions. -

May God bless you and bring you safely on your journey and finally when the journey of life shall be ended may you arrive at our Fathers home in peace -

With many thanks for your kind & valued services - and with kind remembrances to Mrs Jackson

Believe me

Ever Truly Your friend

Cornelia W Martin

Albany
Nov. 16th 1873.

To the Hon
The Secretary
of the Interior,
Dear Mr Delano -

I avail myself once more of your kind permission to write to you when I should feel the need of your helping hand in the work of Our Mission School Association - May I ask the privilege of presenting to you my good friend, Mr Sheldon Jackson, who has voluntarily aided us very efficiently in the work we are trying to do for the Empire of our country;- In the Christian enterprise in which we are engaged I am sure that your benevolent heart is deeply interested, and I doubt not that it will be your pleasure to give Mr Jackson every facility for aiding our ladies' societies in establishing Protestant schools of a high grade - in our Territories -

We have now schools at three points in New-Mexico; at two points in Montana, besides our schools among the Indians in Arizona - and at Ft Defiance: We endeavor to encourage Christian Ladies who have the enterprise and ability to undertake a pioneer educational work in the new settlements in our great Territories. We need the *aid* of our *government* in this work; to foster *Christian* enterprise, it seems to me is as much the duty of our Government, as to protect the *miners* & *emigrants* of our country - and I have secretly cherished the hope - that our teachers at Santa Fe and Taos — might receive from the Government, for a year or more — or until they can become self-~~satisfying~~ sustaining — two hundred dollars — which in addition to what we can raise at the East — will secure a foot-hold for Protestantism in Spanish America.

Mr Jackson will be able to give you accurate information respecting the Territories and points on the rail-roads, where we are trying to establish schools on our frontier. I commend him to your favour and confidence, as his ability — integrity, perseverance & prudence have been thoroughly tested in fifteen years service — With affectionate Remembrances to Mrs Delano — and the assurance of my sincere regard — I am dear Sir — Very truly yours — Cornelia [illegible] Martin —

Denver, Colo. 17th Nov. 1873

Dear Brother Jackson—

As I had a supply for yesterday, I concluded to "feel" our new field, and see what the prospects might be, so I appointed preaching at West Denver at 11 A.M. & in the North East Denver at 2½ P.M. In the morning, I was much reminded of our Commencement three years ago in the Court room.—We had just as many, lacking two as we had three years ago, and I trust that the field will develope as handsomely as the other. In the other part of the field, out Champa St, in N. E. Denver, God has evidently gone before us and prepared the

way, very graciously. Mr Wise
who has for six years run the
Beer Garden (National Park)
Champa & 26th street has given
up the lease. The Buildings &
grounds are owned by John
Hughes; and by permission of
Mr Hughes we have the
use of the National Park Buildings. The dancing Hall is
25 feet by 40 feet — and we
have carpeted it — and seated
it with Chairs. Yesterday every
seat was occupied and one
or two went away, because
they could not get a seat.
The buildings are well suited
to our purpose; and by an outlay of 2 or 300 dolls would do
both for Church and parsonage
for several years. The grounds
amount to about 4 acres and
would make a magnificent
site for Church and Acad

ery, a College. He asks $15,000.00 for the whole, but would take less, if it should be used for Church & School purposes.

I feel that is a most providential opening to break up that wicked & Sabbath breaking Institution. Mr Muir tells me that on pleasant Sabbaths there were generally about 1000 persons at the Natural Park every Sabbath – drinking, dancing, gambling &c. 3000 Street rail road tickets have been sold on a single Sabbath by persons going to & coming from the Park. Now God gives us the opportunity of breaking all that up, and of establishing in its place a School and a Church. If we can get $10,000.00 assistance in the costs, we can do the

the whole — Break of the Beer garden & establish a church, and a collegiate Institute upon the grounds. If we can get $2,500.00 assistance in the East, we can break up the Beer-garden and establish the Church — by buying the building we now occupy. Now can you not do something for us whilst you are away in the East. I have got the first refusal of the property: but I fear that if we do not secure it soon — that the Germans will form a combination or pool as they call it, here, and buy it again for a beer garden, the Church in that ~~the~~ neighborhood will never again have an opportunity of doing so much good with the same out-lay. This whole field — the mission points in the suburbs of the city give promise of ~~quick~~ healthy and rapid development into good working churches, and the charge will not be long in becoming self sustaining. I want you to give ~~these~~ enterprises your strongest backing with the Boards. You can explain the situation so much better personally than one can write it. I think that both Dr Dickson & Kendall have a pretty correct idea of the situation. National Park is about mid-way between the 17th St. church, & the Machine Shops — about a mile to a mile & a quarter from each: whilst North Denver is beyond the Creek; and ~~sep~~ separated from all the churches of all denominations.

Mrs. J— was at the S. S. yesterday
and all seemed well.
Nothing special occurring
here since you left.
Give kindest regards
to Mrs. Kendall & Dickson
Fraternally Yours
W. J. Brown

Would be glad to hear from
you at any time.

Copy

New York Nov 18th 73

Dear Bro B——

I have now been here 2 or 3 days & been able to get the lay of y land with regard to y Mißn enterprise at Denver. Of course there has been no action of y Bd as it hs nt come before them. I may be wrong in my judgment of y Secty of y Sec Bd. My own impressns from conversations & otherwise is tht u can nt hope for anything from the Bd. They are issuing no new commissions except in very special cases, which had been undertaken before the panic set in & are largely cutting down in y renewal of old Comns. You have no idea of y extent of y panic in y east. Every Elder of y wealthy Brick Ch tht ws in business has gone under & in every Ch in y city their wealthy members have suffered immensely. It is beyond anything I ever witnessed (I do not remember that of 57) The Meth E. Ch. yesterday cut down their appropriations $1000000 fr last yr. Everybody is taking in all sail possible. Under these circumstances I am informed tht y strong probabilities are tht y Bd will not grant a dollar to our enterprise in Denver. I am in usual health. I am sorry that y times shld be so unpropitious for your movement. Every thing is paralized at this end of the line. ~~&c~~ Please remember me very kindly to Mrs B. Birdie & Gertrude. Affec yr Bro in Ct

Sheldon Jackson

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New York, Nov 19th 1873

My dear sir

Enclosed you will find a check for $50 which I hope will help you some in your good work.

We have at home a great many clothes which have been laid aside for different reasons but still have a good deal of wear in them.

If you have to pay freight on them we doubt if it is best to send them but if you have any way of having them transported and you think it admissable for us to send them we will gladly do so. My brother Will enjoyed his visit to your city exceedingly and sent us glowing accounts of the scenery about Denver. His last letters were from Ogden in which he told us that he met a Salt Lake City the minister in the Presbyterian church who had heard of father through yourself. He was pleased to see Will and made his stay in that city a very pleasant one.

My mother enjoys her usual share of health, father and the rest of us are remarkably well and we unite in messages of

kindness and prayers for your greatest success

Your Christian brother

[illegible] Ginevra

Fairplay
Central
Rochester

Binghamton N.Y.
Nov 21-1873

Rev Sheldon Jackson

Dear Brother

Since I wrote you in the summer I have been most severely afflicted. I have lost my darling wife. So it pleased God. I am a most desolate man now. I wish at this time to communicate with you in regard to a certain line of business which my circumstances impose on me - I will explain. My wife left no children. She left a few hundred dollars which I wish to use in such a way as will do the most good and I think I could not please her more (did she know what I do) than to use what she has left to bless the world and bring souls to Christ.

I have thought if the money was put in some localities in the far west to help build some churches, it would in that way do good as long as people were

taught the word of God in those houses. and
in this way perhaps she will be able
to bless the world for many years to come.
My wife & I were both children of
Presbyterian ministers. I think perhaps
you will remember her family. She was
daughter of Rev Joseph B. Eastman who
used to preach at Amsterdam, Sandy Hill
and there abouts. She felt somewhat acquainted
with you which led to our correspondence.
You are in the midst of the mission work
there so that I thought perhaps you
knew of two or three churches struggling to
build whom 100 dollars each would
stimulate into action and by so doing do
them good in more ways than one. Churches
that will be useful and working churches.—
Please be frank with me and if you think
I could do more good than in the way
mentioned, please explain. and if you know
of such churches as I mention please
particularize. Perhaps you think I
am wealthy. but I am not. I am a clerk
in a railroad office. a young man and
could use the money left me very much to
my pecuniary advantage. but I am a
steward and wish when the time comes,

to give a good account of my stewardship.
I want to live as I will wish I had
when I awake in the other world. Life is real.
God has given us glorious opportunities
to enter a most beautiful country by & by.
if we will — I may be out where you
are next summer, dont know. I doubt
if I go farther west than Olathe. This
is a most desolate, lonesome country to me
now — Please think over well what I
have told you and do not answer till
you have considered the subject well.

I want to help where it will do the
most good. There are strategic points
which the church of Christ ought to seize
and there are more obscure points, where
perhaps the light over it will shine
as brightly lighting souls on their journey
through this dark world. You know best. Let
me hear from you. I received your letter
to the children of our Sabbath School all right,
many thanks for it. Excuse my long letter
but it is an important ~~[illegible]~~ act and I
want to do it well. Sometime between
Jan 1st & next summer.

Very truly I am your
brother —

G. M. T. Johnson

Minneapolis Minn. Nov 24/73

Dear Mrs Jackson,

I have recieved two telegrams from Denver. One reads thus: "Elected supply for six months. Come first of December. Salary same." signed H. C. Donnell. The other is as follows; "Only twenty four votes for you. One third whole church against you. Will write particulars." signed A. G. Boone. Evidently the hand of Joab is in the matter. I have written to Mr Donnell saying I will leave the

question open until I hear by letter.
Will not you, or Bro Jackson, if he is at home, give me full information, and advice in the matter.

I wish the two churches could be united, even with two pastors, who would also take the missions and alternate in the services in each. Such an arrangement would not be specially agreeable to the pastors, but, I think good would result, & evils be avoided.

I trust the R. M. Presbyterian will make no reference to the matter as it now stands. Love to all

Affec^{y} R. F. Sample.

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Albany, N.Y., Nov. 24, 1873.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson
Dear Sir

Thank You

enclosed herewith a post office order for Fifty dollars, it being the thank-offering of a lady of our Sabbath-school appended to the Same, also please find that lady's note, designating the purpose to which she desired the gift to be applied.

I take this opportunity of expressing to You my own heartfelt Sympathy in Your work - and of bidding You "God-Speed"

Yours very truly
Erastus M. Briggs - Supt. 1st. Pres. S.S.

Pueblo, Colo, 25" Nov. 1873

Rev. and Dear Brother —

There will be a meeting of the Presbytery of Colorado at the National Park, Champa st, bet 25 & 26 sts, Denver on Monday Evening Dec" 8" 1873, at 7 o'clock P.M. — Called to enroll the Mission Churches in the suburbs of Denver — entertain a call for a Pastor for the Charge and make provision for his installation & support & for the erection of a church-Edifice

Wm E. Hamilton
Modr

Have just written a letter of thanks to Board of Publication.

ans'd

O.K.

Fairplay, Colorado.
Nov. 28 1873

Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Bro.

Books to the amount of 70. rec'd. It was a grand donation. Just what we needed & we are overflowing with thankfulness.

You ask for some names of Auburn students that w'd make good missionaries. The one I would first name in the graduating class is Geo. R. Smith. but I've just rec'd a note from him stating that he has accepted a call to Dryden N.Y. But as he has been ~~a~~ missionary in Iowa he could recommend you to others. He used to think much of coming out this way. Am sorry that he ~~is~~ content to settle in N. Y. Geo. Humphreys used to have a desire to know about the work here. G. W. Leonard would be a good man.

Wm Reed + M. D. Edwards I could heartily recommend but no doubt they will stick to the east.

I know several in Union Theo. Sem. that I should advise you to see. They would be glad to hear a word from me + might be thus interested. Tell them for me not to be content in the east. Come out + breathe our delightful air + live in our land of wonders + great possibilities. I would not exchange my field for any of the great positions that they may aspire to.

although, as you know, I am laboring under great ≠ discouragements. But in this country there is so much to be hoped for that one cannot sink.

All these are good fellows viz. A. F. DeCamp. A. A. Kiehle D. A. Ferguson. — Ford, & I can recommend them.

If they would like to know more, how I like it, tell them I am ready to inform them.

Our old school house is so unfavorable for services, that, although there is no money here we are considering the qs. of building a little chapel, costing say 800.00. If 2 or 300 dollars cd be obtained in cash I have no doubt but that it might be put up this winter, except finishing inside. Oh how delightful it would seem to us to have a *home*, ~~and~~ around wh. might cluster *sacred* associations.

I really hope you will find some means of raising us some funds. If you are in Auburn try Dr. Hawley's church of which I was a member. & perhaps the others might take an interest.

There is a good prospect now for the erection of court-house buildings & if so the place will be permanent. At least the place is large enough to have a chapel & always will be.

I wrote Dr Kendall lately, asking him for the next quarter's dues in advance a little, because I get nothing here this quarter. Have already been under the necessity, in getting some winter supplies to run in debt 50. dollars. After next qr. rec'd I hope to be all right..

I presume the board is affected by the hard times is the reason I have not rec'd it. Hope it will come soon in my relief.
Fraternally
Yours -
D. E. Finks

Trinidad, Colorado.
Dec. 30th 1873.

Dear Bro. Jackson,

Have been pretty busy and not very well for a little while past, so the article promised you is delayed almost to the last date you mentioned. I was not really able for work last week, yet made an attempt to comply with your request; with such poor success, however, that one or several articles were thrown into the fire as soon as completed. The accompanying one is written hurriedly, but if it will subserve any good purpose, you are welcome to it. If it is not worth publishing, I shall not feel vexed should it fail to appear in print. My experience and observation have been quite limited, and one cannot write of things beyond them with much definiteness.

My quarters today are comfortable, and I was very grateful. Rents are very high, and next to impossible to get a house; so on advice of friends here I purchased a small house with five rooms, giving notes maturing seven days after my quarterly is up for this and then [illegible] more. We are very much encouraged here so far as attendance goes, and our prospect of a permanent congregation is good.

Some, who had been previously [illegible] by the M.Es. were a little shy of us at first, but are now attending fairly regularly. We do not push money matters at present, except to take up a monthly collection for running expenses. We will

Rice Institute, pay $10 per month and furnishing lamps, oil, & fuel. It only accommodates our evening Con., which is hardly reasonable, tho' at first I feared it [illegible] [illegible] this, [illegible] would not continue. The M.E. [illegible] have very little left but their building and a few [illegible] members. I sympathize with their pastor in losing much of his con., tho' cannot but rejoice that our own denomination has seen its own need, and has such good prospects.

In Oct. last I rec'd a letter from a lady, Mrs. Jones, representing a [illegible] soc., [illegible], and offering ~~goods~~ clothing and money to me and my family [illegible] [illegible]. Replied, giving some sizes asked for, and saying anything sent would be

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gratifying to the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in return, tho it was more than two months ago. A little change, I thought.

Judge L. L. Taylor representing the 4th district in Council, leaves for [illegible] today. This [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible], to the Methodists, and [illegible] he and she have been attending our service regularly. If you wish to ask any questions about the town or [illegible], please [illegible] [illegible] you the information. [illegible] in care of Mr. Phillips, one of our elders. Both our elders are liberal men; and having had a brief experience without any [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] them. [illegible] R. [illegible] [illegible]. If you conclude to come this way let [illegible] [illegible] as long [illegible] as possible. Yours truly, E. J. Rol ans

Canon City Decr 5th 1873

Revd Sheldon Jackson

My dear Christian Bro

Matters of the utmost importance to the welfare of our Church in this place, in my opinion, demand your presence here at the earliest day possible - I will not now enter upon particulars, farther than to say, that difficulties between Mr Bell and a considerable number of his Church Members, and Society supporters have arisen, which, unless removed at once, will, I fear, effectually destroy his usefulness here as our Minister - In justice to Mr Bell and to our Church these matters should be enquired into immediately - I trust you can visit us as soon as you return home from your eastern trip - If you cannot do so - please write to me when you reach home

Your Brother in Christ
J K Brewster

Do not the Officers of the bank know who handed in the draft? Could not the letter be traced in that way? And was it not strange that any one should have opened a letter addressed to you? I am thankful they were sufficiently honest to hand it in.

West Chester Dec 6. 1873 } Your Sister in Christ
P A Brooks

Rev. Sheldon Jackson

Dear Brother

The draft for the three hundred dollars was sent by me for you to spend in relieving the necessities of our sick, and needy missionaries. I regret more than I can tell you the loss of the letter containing it. There were some things in it which might be productive of unkind feelings in my family if found by any one who might communicate them. Merely some explanations. I am very ill at present, or at least have not been able to be about the house for near four months. Have heart disease have not often lain down at night without feeling that I might sleep

in this world,
the sleep which knows no waking,"
I asked in my letter that you would
remember me especially in your
prayers. I am not naturally a hopeful person. and my illness has not
made me more so. While "I know that
my "Redeemer liveth," yet I have not
the confidence and light I long for. I
know that God's grace can raise us above
our natural temperaments, and I try
to pray almost without ceasing that
I may have that assurance of hope
which will take away that shrinking
from death and the unknown future, which
has been a [illegible] to me all along my
journey. "All my life time subject to
bondage". Use the draft in such a way
as seems best to yourself. I don't want
it publicly acknowledged. If you write
at any time still direct to Mrs Dickson
and if I have gone home she will destroy
the letter. I find I have written on a sheet
which had something written on the other
side so shall have to tear it off. [illegible]

Referred
to
Chat Central.

[illegible]

Willowbrook Dec 1st 1873

Dear Mrs Jackson.

I take the liberty of sending it to your address for my daughter Cornelia – a letter which I hope you may have an opportunity of giving to her if she should call at your house – on her way to Fort Union New Mexico –
Mr Jackson very kindly invited her to go directly to your residence on her arrival at Denver – I think she will be there by Saturday evening – she left home this morning and is to go via Baltimore to St Louis – and from St Louis to Denver. from Denver she goes to Pueblo where Gen Alexander expects to meet her with an Ambulance – It is a long journey for her to take at this season of the year – but I hope she will find a good escort in the officers [illegible] [illegible] with Gen. Blair's pa[illegible] from [illegible] St Louis

If any thing should prevent my
daughter from calling at your house
when she passes through Denver please
address this letter to the care of Gen
Alexander – Fort Union. New Mexico.
I enjoyed my brief time with Mr
Jackson very much – and I regret very
much. that I could not have seen
more of him – I am deeply interested
in his great Mission and please say
to him that I hope he will write to
me soon after his return home – as
I am very anxious to hear from him
and about his time at Washington –
I was quite disappointed that he could
[illegible] the Capitol at [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] – I feel deeply
interested in your family – and love you

for your works' sake – with kind remembrance to Mrs Jackson – and my regards to your family –

Believe me

Very sincerely your friend
Emilie [illegible] –

If my daughter should not reach Rome by Monday or Tuesday of next week please – forward the letter to her [illegible]

Clifton Springs Dec 12—

Dear Bro. Jackson—

While waiting for my Bible class's assembling in my study, I will drop you a few lines—

Your postal came duly to hand. I don't want my name put to the opinion you speak of— but do not object to its being given with any other & articles I send you, unless I specially request the contrary— I will try to have a short article of some kind ready for you soon—

Can you stop on your way from Buffalo & spend the 21st with me? I very much wish you would -

Our Communion is next Sabb. - We expect about a dozen additions three of whom will come to the Lord's table for the first time - while others will unite at the next Comm., not yet having their letters - We greatly need an outpouring of the Spirit, & ~~yet~~ I feel encourage to hope for it -

I left some articles at Chain's book store which, if it is convenient, I wish you would bring along with you. You need not take the trouble bring the old cane that they held there for me; but I must have left there the bottom to an inkstand that I bought when I was up & two small picture frames.

I don't know where I could have left them if not at China. I have no remembrance of picking them up with my other bundles —

Brown had things pretty much his own way at Presbytery — It will be a sad thing for Presbyterianism if he is allowed to take charge of this Mission church — I doubt very much if Presbytery will put the call into his hands —

Tru. Yours J. G. Loomis

Fairplay, Colorado.
Dec. 15. 1873

Dear Bro. Jackson,

I would like to state to you, plainly & frankly, the condition of our church & see if you can do anything to alleviate our condition.

First, let me tell you where we are obliged to worship. It is in a crazy old log school house. As unattractive a place as you can well imagine. When the wind blows it is very uncomfortable & I am quite sure to have a small audience.

As these people are generally unaccustomed to church going, storms are sufficient obstacles, to keep them at home.

The school house is very poorly arranged and seated for a public audience. Our Sunday School is progressing finely & almost all of the children of town are gathered in. The room is too small to do the school the justice they demand. Then in a place, where during the week, the scholars run wild, it is hard, very hard, to make it seem in the least, sacred.

I hope you will gather from this what are our *imperative demands*, for as much, at least, as a little chapel. People, who have comfortable churches, are hardly aware of how much of their succeſs depends upon them. Experience proves that a minister's labors, humanly speaking, are almost in vain, without a church, as a centre to gather about & around which may cluster sacred associations. I feel the force of this, especially in my public efforts.

Again our demands are *immediate*. Not only on acc't of present inconvenience; but that we may be in readiness for the prospective influx of population at the opening of spring. That we may be able to give them at once respectable religious opportunities + keep them from sinking into indifference.

And now let me state that if we build, *our means must in a great measure come from abroad*.

About two thirds of our town was destroyed by fire in Sept. last. This, together with the panic, makes it *doubly* hard times here. All the money the people can get will be used in rebuilding. Money at the present time is almost out of things.

Our plans for building are briefly these. To erect a chapel in such a place, that when the demand comes for a main building, as it evidently will, this chapel will be adjoining. Building materials are very expensive here. + the cost of a plain chapel is estimated at 800.00. Now if two or three hundred dollars can be raised, at once, from our friends abroad, it can be built; for much of the material can be bought on time. and another season when capital comes in, together with the assistance of the Board of Erection, we shall be able to complete + furnish it. Oh, how it would rejoice + encourage our Christian hearts to see this result! No place needs more all the advantages the gospel can give, than Fairplay.

Be assured, ~~Friends~~, that a little aid will do great good, + be most gratefully received. Yours in X, L. E. Finks.

My heart is swelling with thankfulness this morning. Let me tell you why. Yesterday was encouraging both in S. S. + evening service. A ray of sunshine broke through the dark cloud. There were 42 in S. S. Have only had that number once before. As we hold it in school house where there is no discipline during the week it has been hard to discipline. but now with the indispensable assistance of my dear wife we get them quite respectable. Boys that have no decent treatment at home are getting to respect us.

Please return this sheet. Sheldon Jackson

Rec'd DEC. quarterly Ques. with exception that they have not yet received my freight bill + extra expenses to Fairplay. wh. I am sure acc'd to agreement, are my dues. It makes 109. difference, wh. I cannot afford to lose. Have written, hoping it will be rectified. If it should not I shall have to have you plead my case. About that article. I don't know how to write it. Am fearful you're giving me so large an audience. But I'll try to do the best I can. Yours &c W E Finks.

Jackson

Fairplay

DEC. 15

O.K.

In 1 summer, when we commenced we had only one boy. Yesterday had 17. & have had in 21 different ones. The children like the S. S. & there has been the only light to brighten us during the last weeks. We have the only S. S. & have all the children of the town in but 2 or 3 families & think we will have all in, in a short time. Our new library is very pleasing & attractive. Voted in S. S. yesterday to use the amt contributed there to pay freight on books. 7,50 & have enough to do it.

Mr. Buckner is 35 miles below. & came up 4 weeks ago & had an aud. of 7. A man who favors them but cares nothing for Buckner, worked by getting men to come in for a drink of whiskey & got two weeks later a large congregation.

He made another big effort for last eve. for he is just worldly & narrow

enough to be jealous of our
prosperity. B. did not come.
Last eve I had an audience of 42
A number of most respectable
people + some who had never
been in. Took up a collection for
Xmas tree. As we had no other way
that I chose to take for raising
a little fund, + rec'd 6,40.
I have not asked for but one collection
before fr. l congregation.
I also sent to Am. Tract. Society
for good papers Xn Weekly &c.
+ these to distributed. All this
I may say, obtains the favor of l
people + they feel under obligation
to me. So I say a little kindness
goes a good ways.. Getting
their permanent respect, I hope
to win them to X. Men, + women who
have not attended ch. since I came
till of late, now attend regularly.
I am preaching to arouse them +

The money you let me have kept me out of debt all summer. It was a great godsend to me. Send you 50. in P.O. order. Hope to send remainder soon

- hope & pray the Lord will make my words sharper than a two edged sword. Pray for us Mr. J. that our people may be changed fr. their godless condition.

The people h. been of late in a very indifferent condition. A little storm keeps them fr. coming to the old ~~school~~ cold school house. & it has seemed discouraging to work hard all week on a sermon & then have no one desire to hear it; still I've thought it might have b. just the discipline for me, & just the humbling I needed.

You are right in all your said w. regard to this country developing a man: for he has no ruts to run in. but he must start out alone If any thing is done he must do it & go ahead. I rec'd your card w. offer to assist us in raising 200. How kind in you. You always come to our assistance in the right time.

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Yours etc W.E. Frinks.

Jackson

W.E.C. 15

OK

Golden Oct 15th/15

[illegible] Jackson
Dear Brother

Received your note of the 11th in due time & most sincerely thank you for your kindness and interest in behalf of [illegible] & family

The appropriation from the Board of Missions will be very acceptable, [illegible] God has been very good to us in providing [illegible] since the death of my dear husband, but oh how much we all miss him, no one can [illegible] has no [illegible]

Yours in bonds of Christian love
[illegible]

Pioche Nevada
1 December 1873

Rev. Sheldon Jackson
Denver Co.
Dear Brother:

Enclosed one dollar in stamps to pay for "Rocky Mt. Presbyterian" one year. Address Mrs. C. J. Appleby Pioche Nevada

As to men for mission work the class at Chicago is small. Any of them could get the best of references but whether they will see the path westward is another matter. My experience as yet would not warrant my saying of this work either good or bad.

A few weeks back I had

about made up my mind to depart. But people outside the membership took the matter in hand and say they can get from one hundred + twenty-five (125) to one hundred + fifty (150) Dollars per month. And have given up the collection which had been taken up at the close of each service.

Yet the Sabbath School has been a drag and seems likely to continue so even now that it is held in the morning when there is no other school in town.

Having no place to hold prayer meeting and no people to take part except Wesleyans who shouted us out. In our elder's house that is taking a vacation.

We expect to resume as a meeting for studying the S.S. lessons as soon as the International series can be started here. With regard to the situation here it is not safe to prophesy. A little affair last September started a variance or gave it opportunity. The 'outside' do not like the inside and evidently such a state of things is unpleasant inefficient and uncertain. I have heard from Wallapai at second hand a favorable report. But it is only a report.

Fraternally
H. B. Macbride

1873

Dec. 22/73

Rev. Sheldon Jackson
Denver, Col.

Dear Bro. I broke down completely a few weeks ago, & have given up my college course, & all study for a year or two, will be ready to go into some Western field by Feb 1st I have not decided where to go — several field have been urged upon me; but I shall not decide for two or three weeks yet. If you can send descriptions of your most pressing fields it will be a great help in my work with the Sem. students.

Several of them are

in correspondence with churches in Cal & Wash. Ty., & calls are coming to them from the East, so that whatever is done for your field must be done soon.

Be here in Jan. if possible.

Remember me to Mrs. Jackson.

Yours in Christ

J. P. Egbert

Princeton

N. J.

Salt Lake City
Dec. 24th, 73 -

Dear Jackson -

Your card came to hand last night. I want to ask whether you ever got any one to send chell a suit of clothes? I guess the fellow is needy. I know he is very much so unless you have supplied him - I think he needs under-clothes, and shirts also. I just got a letter from him last night - I advised him to make application to the Board Ch. Erection for $300, to pay off the balance of their debt - $500, some of the mining com's did not come to time as they expected and some other parties, I think it would be well for our Board to have

Your Bro &c
W. [illegible]

Kind regards and a happy Xmas to Mrs J. & and the children - I am glad to know that Presbyterian work grows spring in [illegible] a lein on the property, so that in the Event of Schells leasing we can control the Ch: otherwise it may pass out of our hands entire - They are not very sound on the ΠΡΕΣΒΥΤΕΡΟΣ question up here you know. I have no doubt but that the $500 balance could be raised in Alta next Spring after the camp opens up, but I think the $300 on the Bond will be a good precautionary investment.

We are to have a Xt-mas tree in our Sunday School tomorrow; Everything indicates that we are to have a nice time - We have about one hundred and twenty five in the School now. We had a church sociable last week; about sixty persons present; Everything passed off as Enjoyable as you please - I am in favor of put a good man in Bingham. I know of Eight members of our church there and there may be more; there is no service of any kind there - The Camp num-

[illegible] in the [illegible] three weeks before

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Kind regards and a happy X-mas to Mrs. J. & and the Children - I am glad to know that Presbyterian work grows speedily in [illegible]

Fairplay Dec 27. 93

Dear Bro. Jackson,

Have been unable to complete this article earlier. Xmas tree a grand success. with but little money. S. S. numbers over 50 now. Had a Xmas present of S. S. library from Lebanon Pa. 77 volumes.

Have not had quite so much time for article as I'd liked. But sh'd you wish any more, on such subjects as, Missionary Influence in every day life &c I may do better. Mrs. Finks sends Love to Mrs. J.

Very Truly Yours

D. C. Finks

OFFICE OF

WASHINGTON ORE MILL COMPANY,

W. BEMENT.
~~MANAGER.~~

GEORGETOWN, COL., Dec 29th 1873.

Revd. Sheldon Jackson
216 Colfax Av. Denver.

Dr Sir.

Yours of 27th inst reached me to day. I will receive the package you allude to and distribute to those in our congregation - I suppose the Post Master could do it thro the P.O Boxes - if he was inclined to do so - but it might not be agreeable -

We are progressing with our Church building slow but sure - hope to get the ceiling and sides plastered in all of January - I wish I could say our Congregation was progressing but it is not - and will not, until we make a change, which must be done in the Spring.

Yours Truly

W. Bement

Colorado Springs Dec 29th 1873

My dear Brother,

Enclosed I send you an article for your paper, which in the pressure of my engagements I have not time to copy. I trust you can read it – It may not be what you want, but its the best I can do for you now.

You will be gratified to learn ~~that~~, by a little exertion last week, we succeeded in collecting enough to pay of a note of $\$400^{00}$ held against the church – This leaves a balance of something over $\$200^{00}$ For this I have provided by circulating coupon notes similar to those issued at Central. Enough of these have been taken to cover the balance and the whole debt will therefore be wiped out by June 1st 1874, when the last coupons are due.

I *intent* getting more of them taken however to provide for the *furnishing* of the church; I hope soon to have the walls finished and the floor carpeted. By the way I see that you are down on the Subscription book for $10.00 of the $25.00 you subscribed.

At our communion two weeks ago ten persons united with us – five by letter, five by profession Two of them were baptized (adults) - Besides this three children were baptized. It was an interesting season – I am well & have my hands full – I wish you could come down some Sunday and relieve me.

I have preached very hard since I came here twice a Sunday, besides taking charge of the Sunday School.

Has Mr. Sample arrived?

With love to the family

Ever Yours in toil till glory!

J.G. Lowrie —

1873

Dec. 29. /73

Rev. S. Jackson—
Denver, Col.

Dear Bro. I have just rec'd a letter from Dr. Dickson in which he speaks of my being ordained as an evangelist & going to Santa Fe. I would like to know your opinion. You have had some opportunities to judge of my qualifications, fitness for that place etc. Would I suit there? what style of preaching would do most good there?— what the best way of reaching it? when & where would you suggest my ordination?

Any other information will be gratefully rec'd. Please write me at your earliest convenience — as several places are before me concerning which I must soon decide. Mention the summer climate of Santa Fe.

Your paper is a very welcome visitor — rec'd to-day your No. of Jan 7.

I heard last week from Laramie — hear frequently from Nev. & Cal.

Yours in Christ
J. P. Egbert
Princeton
N. J.

o.K

Fairplay Colorado.
Dec 30 1873

Dear Bro. Jackson,

I've received my dues from H. M. on freight. & so I send your dues.

Furniture	94.80
Cash borrowed	25.00
1 Sub. to Presbyterian	1.00
Interest for 6 months	5.20
Total	126.00
Paid	50.
	76.00

Have written several letters East for money. Rec'd $25, from a clopmoles church at Waterloo.

I hope & pray you will succeed also in raising us something.

Very Truly Yours.

D. E. Finks

Our box has been sent us
3 weeks + over ago. Was sent by
Ex. they said. Our box of books
came in one week or 10.65.
We did not know but it might
be delayed in Denver in Ex
or Freight Office.